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USSR PHYSICIANS HOLD CONFERENCE
ON PROPHYLAXIS OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES

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A conference of oblast physicians was held at Ryazan' where scientific and practical questions were discussed. This conference was organized by the Moscow Institute of Vaccines and Sera imeni Mechnikov, the Ryazan' Medical Institute imeni I. P. Pavlov, and the local public health department. Physicians of the sanitary-epidemiological stations of the Moscow, Kaluga, Yaroslavl', and Smolensk oblasts took part in the work of the conference.

The purpose of the conference was to render aid to practicing physicians as a way of improving the medical service given to the rural population and the organization of sanitary-antiepidemic measures at machine-tractor stations, sovkhozes, and kolkhozes. The physicians were acquainted with the achievements of Soviet science in the prophylaxis, diagnosis, and therapy of influenza, dysentery, leptospiroses, and epidemic hepatitis.

Workers from the Moscow Institute of Vaccines and Sera imeni Mechnikov informed the participants at the meeting on the latest progress made in work on methods for the prophylaxis of a number of infectious diseases. Prof Varfolomeyeva discussed in her report problems pertaining to the existence of natural reservoirs of leptospiroses, the development of such reservoirs, and measures to be taken for their elimination. The problems discussed by Varfolomeyeva are of great importance for rural regions.

Zverev, Golubeva, and Bakayeva told about the new therapeutic agents Coliantiphagin (Bernhof's preparation) and Preparations No 16, which are at present being used successfully for the treatment of dysentery and other diseases.

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Interesting reports dealing with influenza, Botkin's disease [epidemic hepatitis], diphtheria, and dysentery were presented by the practical physicians Ivatunina, Il'inova (Ryazan'), and Yevrumov (Kaluga). Reports were also presented by workers from the Ryazan' Medical Institute: Prof Sergeyev, Timchenko, Saraykina, Porubinskaya, and others.

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